I am writting in regards to the proposal by Bell South to eliminate the need for them to open thier DSL network to independant ISP's. In this day where mega conglomerates run the show, its the small independant shops that retain the American spirit that a person with ambition can make thier dreams come true. Every small business owner, ISP or otherwise is a testimate to what American stands proudly for.

The proposal by Bell South is just a means for them to gain more customer through thier ISP division and increase thier own revenue while decreasing customer choice. Satellite and the phantom technology of BPL are not viable alternatives to DSL and Cable at this time and in many markets, we would be limited to the two choices should this proposal go forward.

Please consider this carefully and do what is right for the people.

Best Regards,
- John Ellis